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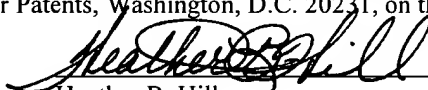
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Scanlan et al.  
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For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ASSOCIATED WITH  
COLON CANCER AND METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING AND  
TREATING COLON CANCER  
Examiner: N. Davis  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002.

**REMARKS**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the Examiner's objection to the abstract and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 6, 37, and 57-67 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and the withdrawal of rejections of claims 6 and 57-61 (paragraph 6), claims 37-40 and 62-67 (paragraph 9), claims 6 and 37-40 (paragraph 10), and claims 6, 37-67 (paragraph 11) under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.